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Sir:

In reply to the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.